

CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

A RESOLUTION BY

BY COUNCILMEMBER  FELICIA A. MOORE

01-*R*-0758

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE SEEK ALL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM STATE AND FEDERAL SOURCES TO ADDRESS THE PROPOSED COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO) REMEDIAL ALTERNATIVES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta operates several Water Reclamation Facilities for the purpose of cleaning its waste and storm water for deposit back into the Chattahoochee Rivers and other tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta does have on average sixty-three (63) times per year discharging some fourteen million pounds of suspended solids into receiving waters and because of these overflows did enter into a 1998 Consent Decree with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Georgia's Environmental Protection Division (EPD) agreeing to fix its aging and failing sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta was faced with an April 2001 deadline to have a Plan of Action that was acceptable to both U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Georgia's Environmental Protection Division (EPD); and

WHEREAS, Alternative 3 is a combination of Sewer Separation, Tunnel Storage and Treatment Plants which will cost the rate payers nine hundred forty-eight million dollars (\$948,000,000.00) to construct and take roughly six (6) years (2007) to complete with a pollutant reduction (phosphorus) of 83%; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Atlanta (rate payers) will be faced with a rate increase of roughly 163% to pay for this alternative and the average bill will go from \$46.00 to \$121.00 and continue to increase based on the information provided in the rate analysis which assumes no Federal and State assistance; and

WHEREAS, the average citizen of Atlanta cannot afford this type of increase, since roughly 24.4% of Atlanta households have annual incomes of less than \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this compares with the national average is 15.9% of households with incomes of less than \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Federal and State Governments are requiring these upgrades and no funds are available from either entity to shift this awesome burden away from the rate payers of Atlanta; and



WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council did unanimously pass a Resolution (01-R-0447) supporting the "Water Infrastructure Now" (WIN) initiative recommending a five year, \$57 billion authorization in 2003 for loans, grants, loan subsidies and credit assistance to local systems for basic water infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Atlanta are keenly aware of the problems the city faces with its water issues as mandated by the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act and the 1998 Consent Decree Order; however, they are also concerned with providing for their families, paying taxes and just trying to survive in a slowing economy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA; that the Mayor or his designee contact all State and Federal congressmen, senators and lobbyists to solicit their support and commitment to identify funding sources to assist the City of Atlanta in eliminating its storm and wastewater problems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee contact and negotiate with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Georgia's Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeepers to determine if fines the City has paid can be used to remedy its problem, as well as providing resources for funding the required projects to comply with the 1998 Consent Decree Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee seek other funding mechanisms via grant proposals and low interest loan applications and report their requests and findings to Council through the City Utilities Committee in sixty (60) days.

AND FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A true copy,

Rhonda Daughlin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED by the Council
APPROVED by the Mayor

MAY 21, 2001
MAY 25, 2001

President Pro Tem Bond Presided

RCS# 2865
5/21/01
1:48 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT

Pages 1 thru 16

ADOPT

YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 2
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 2

SEE ATTACHED LISTING OF
ITEMS ADOPTED/ADVERSED
ON CONSENT AGENDA

NV McCarty	Y Dorsey	Y Moore	Y Thomas
B Starnes	Y Woolard	Y Martin	Y Emmons
Y Bond	Y Morris	Y Maddox	B Alexander
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Pitts

ITEM (S) REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

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CONSENT

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MAY 2 1 2001

COUNCIL

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 5/7/01

Referred To: Finance + Executive

Date Referred

Referred To:

Date Referred

Referred To:

First Reading

Committee _____
Date _____
Chair _____
Referred to _____

Committee <i>FIN</i>	Committee
Date <i>5-16-01</i>	Date
Chair <i>[Signature]</i>	Chair
Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)	Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)
Other:	Other:
Members <i>[Signature]</i> <i>C. T. Moore</i>	Members
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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd
Readings
☒ Consent ☐ V Vote ☒ RC Vote

CERTIFIED

